

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, June 17, 2013, following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kenneth John Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S4496**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–12) **Page S4477**

**Restrepo and Gonzales Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 17, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Kenneth John Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S4494**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S4444–50, S4496**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 149), Jeffrey L. Schmehl, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S4444–50, S4496**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Thomas Nethery, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2018.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2019.

John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambas-

sador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia. **Page S4496**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Avril D. Haines, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, which was sent to the Senate on April 18, 2013. **Page S4496**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—149) **Pages S4438, S4450**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4496.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine crumbling infrastructure, focusing on outdated and overburdened highways and bridges, including limited improvement in bridge conditions over the past decade, with remaining financial challenges, after receiving testimony from Polly Trottenberg, Under

Secretary for Policy, and Victor M. Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and Phillip R. Herr, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

#### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill entitled, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014";

An original bill entitled, "Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014";

An original bill entitled, "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014"; and

An original bill entitled, "Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2014".

#### COMMUNITY BANKS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from the financial crisis regarding community banks, focusing on causes and consequences of recent community bank failures, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Brown, Chief Economist, and Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General, both of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Lawrance L. Evans, Jr., Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS IN RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues with the Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a joint hearing to examine Russia's human rights situation, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Council on Foreign Relations, Ariel

Cohen, The Heritage Foundation, Leon Aaron, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Frank S. Jannuzi, Amnesty International, USA, New York, New York; and Boris Nemtsov, Republican Party of Russia, Moscow.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 394, to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, and Vernon S. Broderick, of New York, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee began consideration of the following business items:

S. 511, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program; and

S. 289, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, June 17, 2013.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

*Committee recessed subject to the call.*

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 2346–2372; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 261 were introduced. **Pages H3590–91**

#### Additional Cosponsors:

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cook to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3359**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3366**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Ron Dunn, Revolution Church of God, Harrison, Michigan. **Page H3366**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014:** The House resumed consideration of H.R. 1960, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal